

**Lieutenant Governor  
Joseph E. Kernan, Director**  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
ONE NORTH CAPITOL, SUITE 700  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204  
TEL 317 232 8800  
[www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com)

For Immediate Release: July 25, 2002

For More Information Contact: Jeff Harris, 317.232.2464

Tyler Graves, 317.232.8873

### ***Kernan Announces Training Grants for Two Southwest Indiana Businesses; 867 Employees to Benefit***

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that two Southwest Indiana companies have been awarded training grants from the Indiana Department of Commerce Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF).

“Workforce training is essential to the health of any business, and we are thrilled to support these two companies with grants to train Hoosiers,” said Kernan, who leads the state’s economic development efforts. “By investing time and resources in helping employees improve their skills, these companies are working to ensure the future success of both the businesses and the workers.”

- **ATTC Manufacturing, Inc.**, Tell City, has been granted \$72,000 to train 120 new workers following the company’s \$42.8 million investment in the renovation of its facility and the purchase of new equipment. The company manufactures brake parts for Japanese-based automotive producers and parts suppliers. ATTC Manufacturing is owned by Aisin and headquartered in Japan. Employees will be trained in production planning, machine maintenance and quality control.
- **Mead Johnson Nutritional Group**, Evansville, has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to train 27 new and 720 current employees following a \$50 million investment to purchase new equipment and make building upgrades. A Bristol-Meyers Squibb Co., Mead Johnson was founded in 1897 and is a global leader in nutrition, recognized for developing and marketing products for all ages. The grant will be used to train employees in welding, team building, x-ray machine operation and quality control.

Commerce awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in basic work skills and company-specific skills necessary to support the project. Companies interested in learning more about the Skills Enhancement Fund or other Commerce programs should contact the Business Development Division at 800.463.8081, or visit the Web Site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

###